



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **FEBRUARY 25, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montaña led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montaña
Frank Bacio
Barbara Bigby
Rita Hall
John A. Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Excused Absence

Vito Cannella

Staff

Janice Davis, Commission Services Staff
Garen Khachian, Commission Services Staff.

Commissioner Bigby joined the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 18, 2009, MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Hammargren, and unanimously carried, the minutes of February 18, 2009, were approved with the following change:

On page 2, under "Sheriff's Department", Sergeant Brett Lisle add "*Mr. Lisle will provide the Commission with a list of concerns regarding both jails.*"

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montaña reported on four (4) news articles and one (1) event:

- "County Sheriff Focuses On Cuts", Los Angeles Times, February 24, 2009, regarding Sheriff Lee Baca threatening to close the downtown Los Angeles jail because of the \$72 million gap in his budget, leading to 400 fewer deputies through attrition.
- "Jails May Close, Sheriff Warns", Los Angeles Times, February 24, 2009, regarding Sheriff Lee Baca possibly releasing inmates early due to budget cuts.
- "4,000 In Jails May Be Freed", Daily Breeze, February 24, 2009, regarding nearly 4,000 jail inmates possibly being released early and 600 deputy and professional positions being eliminated to meet budget cuts.
- "Sheriff Eyes Lower Bail For Some", Los Angeles Times, February 24, 2009, regarding Sheriff Lee Baca in talks with court officials to determine whether reducing bail for nonviolent offenders would cut jail overcrowding.
- Chair Montano attended "The Robert & Lillie Breitbard Foundation and Viejas 63rd Annual Salute to the Champions", held on February 18, 2009, at the Town and County Resort Hotel, Mr. Junior Robles received the "Ernest H. Wright Sr. Humanitarian Award", he is the deceased brother of Chair Montano.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported that the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1,035.93.

CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIT REPORT

There was none.

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM FEBRUARY 17, 2009, TO FEBRUARY 24, 2009

Pennacle Foundation – 46, #5 – Commissioner Montaña

The facility was visited on February 19, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concern: Driveway needs to be resurfaced.

Optimist Boys Home (Ranch) – 44, #3 – Commissioners Bacio and Bigby

The facility was visited on February 19, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Vista Del Mar (Main Campus) – 61, #5 – Commissioners Hall and Moore

The facility was visited on February 19, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

San Gabriel Children's Center #2 – 53, #3 – Commissioner Hammargren

The facility was visited on February 19, 2009, and found to be in need of improvement.

Area of Concerns: Home is in disarray, clothes on the floor; tub needs caulking; rug needs to be cleaned; emergency plan not posted.

Hillsides Home For Children (Main Campus) – 28, #5 – Commissioner Bigby

The facility was visited on February 20, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Turmont Home For Boys – 60, #2 – Commissioner Montaña

The facility was visited on February 23, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Temple City Sheriff Station – Commissioners Bacio and Bigby

The facility was visited on February 23, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

United Care Inc. #1 – 61, #3 – Commissioners Hall and Moore

The facility was visited on February 24, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concern: Fire extinguisher needs batteries, Needs and Services Plan not at the facility.

Los Angeles Youth Network (Taft) – 35, #2 – Commissioners Hammargren and Montaña

The facility was visited on February 24, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

New Outlook Boys Home – 40, #2 – Commissioner Hammargren

The facility was visited on February 24, 2009, and found to be in unsatisfactory condition.

Area of Concerns: Computer not working, furniture needs repair; inadequate lighting; bedrooms dirty; needs new carpet; overgrown banana trees in backyard; low on snacks; closet needs bar to hang clothes; bathroom tub needs caulking; mildew in bathroom sink; telephone numbers out of date; no disaster drills conducted; no prescriptions on file; dryer vent under house needs to be closed off; water heater door not secure; electrical box not covered; door missing in bedroom #3; car had dirty clothes inside; and vermin droppings found in the kitchen.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was none.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m. in memory of George De La Torre Jr., CEO of Juanita's Foods for over 30 years.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Davis
Commission Services Division